### PUBLIC ROUNDTABLE

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## CONTRACTING & PROCUREMENT IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA: THE UTILIZATION OF LOCAL, SMALL, AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES, PART III"

## BEFORE THE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

VINCENT ORANGE, CHAIRMAN

#### COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

TESTIMONY OF STANLEY JACKSON, DIRECTOR
D.C. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

**JANUARY 30, 2003** 

GOOD AFTERNOON, CHAIRMAN ORANGE AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. MY NAME IS STANLEY JACKSON, AND I AM THE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (WHICH I WILL REFER TO AS "DHCD" OR "THE DEPARTMENT"). I AM HERE BEFORE YOU TODAY TO DISCUSS THE DEPARTMENT'S COMPLIANCE WITH LOCAL, SMALL, AND DISADVANTAGED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES (LSDBES). I AM VERY PROUD TO REPORT THAT DHCD HAS BEEN, AND CONTINUES TO BE, IN COMPLIANCE WITH OUR LSBDE GOAL.

THE DEPARTMENT WAS REQUIRED TO CONTRACT 50% OF ITS FY 02 EXPENDITURE BUDGET WITH LSDBE VENDORS. IN FYO2, THE DEPARTMENT'S EXPENDITURE BUDGET WAS FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS (\$537, 890). DHCD CONTRACTED APPROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY- NINE DOLLARS (\$274,839) WITH LSDBE VENDORS, WHICH REPRESENTS OVER ONE HUNDRED TWO PERCENT (102%) OF OUR COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENT.

TO DATE, WE HAVE MET OUR COMPLIANCE GOAL AND
WE CONTINUE TO INCORPORATE THIS ADMINISTRATION'S
MISSION IN HELPING LSBDEs.

OUR LIST OF AWARDEES IS AS FOLLOWS: BOTTOM LINE SOLUTIONS, CAPITAL SEVICES AND SUPPLIES, COMPUTER WORLD SERVICES, O.M. COMTRACTORS, INC., PEMBROKE WEST, AND STANDARD OFFICE SUPPLIES.

ALL OF OUR CONTRACTS WERE AWARDED TO LSDBE CONTRACTORS. THEREFORE, WE DID NOT HAVE TO OBTAIN AGREEMENTS WITH GENERAL CONTRACTORS IN ORDER TO COMPLY WITH OUR LSDBE REQUIREMENTS.

IN ADDITION, DHCD HAS NO SEPARATE WRITTEN POLICY, OTHER THAN THE LSBDE ACT, CONCERNING CONTRACTS WITH LSBDES.

THE POLICY OF THE OFFICE OF CONTRACTING AND PROCUREMENT IS TO ENCOURAGE PROCUREMENT FROM LSBDE VENDORS BY USING SET-ASIDES WHEN THERE ARE TWO OR MORE LSBDE CERTIFIED VENDORS.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, THIS

# CONCLUDES MY TESTIMONY. I WILL BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.